REMARKS

Applicants elect to have prosecuted Group I, including claims 1-25, drawn to a method of incorporating a crosslinking agent into an ion conducting base material and a process of preparing thereof. This response is being made with traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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